Mr. A. Narayanan Tampi : Those who do not want to take Arabic cannot be forced to take that language. If there are schools where there is a demand to teach Arabic as a subject, and if it is reported so by the Inspector for Muslim Education, Arabic Munshies are appointed.

Mr. K. Shahul Hameed : May I know why provision has not been made in Malayalam schools for the teaching of Arabic where no optional system exists ?

Mr, A. Narayanan Tampi : Evidently they do not show a desire to study Arabic as a subject.

Mr. K. Shahul Hameed : I am referring to Malayalam schools, Sir.

Mr. A. Narayanan Tampi : That is exactly what I meant.

Mr. K. Shahul Hameed : Is there not a Government order stating that where there are more than 25 students in a school Arabic teachers should be appointed and if so I am at a loss to know why no provision has been made therefor ?

Mr. A. Narayanan Tampi : Sir, if the students do not want to learn Arabic, how can you force them to study that language.

Mr. K. Shahul Hameed : My understanding of the matter is that there are enough students to study the language and Arabic munshies are not being appointed.

Mr. A. Narayanan Tampi : No; If there are not sufficient number of students who desire to take Arabic, where is the need for appointing teachers for that purpose.

Mr. K. Shahul Hameed : As I understand it, in Malayalam schools, Arabic is compulsory for all Muslim pupils and therefore may I know why Arabic munshies have not been appointed ?

Mr. A. Narayanan Tampi : It is not a compulsory subject in all Malayalam schools.

Rural Libraries.

8. ***Mr. T. M. Chidambarathanu Pillai :** (*Thovala* cum *Agasteeswaram*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of Rural Libraries in the taluks of Thovala, Agastiswaram and Kalkulam with their centres :

(*b*) whether any Tamil dailies, weekly and monthly papers and other periodicals were supplied to them by Government ; and

(*c*) what is the amount spent by Government for such libraries annually ?

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Mr. A. Narayanan Tampi: (*a*) Thovala taluk five. Ananthapuram, Darisanamcope, Erachacolam, Thovala and Azhakiapandipuram

Agastiswaram taluk—Two. Rajakkamangalam and Thamaracolam.

Kalkulam taluk—Five. Aloor, Villukuri, Kadiapattanam, Kulasekharam and Thiruvithamcode.

(*b*) One Tamil daily paper is supplied by Government.

(*c*) Rs. 14,000.

Mr. T. M. Chidambarathanu Pillai: May I know how many monthlies and dailies are supplied to the rural libraries?

Mr. A. Narayanan Tanipi: Only one Tamil Daily is supplied to those libraries by Government.

Mr. T. M. Chidambarathanu Pillai: Are they weekly or monthly magazines?

Mr. A. Narayanan Tampi: Swadesamitran Daily is being supplied by Government to those rural libraries. With regard to the getting down of other newspapers and magazines, enough funds are placed at the disposal of the libraries in question. It is for them to get the magazines.

Text Book Committee.

9. *** Mr. K. Shahul Hameed**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of non-official members nominated to the existing Text Book Committee according to their community; and

(*b*) whether there is any non-official Muslim member on the Committee?

Mr. A. Narayanan Tampi: (a)

Brahmins	4
Nairs	3
Christians	5
Ezhavas	2
Pulaya	1
Vellala	1

(*b*) No.

Mr. K. Shahul Hameed: May I know the reason why no Muslim has been appointed on the Committee?

Mr. A. Narayanan Tampi: Another committee will be constituted very soon when this point will be considered.

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Banking Law.

22. *Mr. Paul A. Thaliath: Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware of any new Banking Law to be introduced in British India?

Mr. N. Ramakrishna Pillai: A Bill to consolidate and amend the law relating to Banking Companies was introduced in the Indian Legislative Assembly on the 16th November 1944.

Appendix I.

Vide **Answer to Question No. 3.**

Taluk.	Names of Agents.	Monthly quota Tins.
Parur.	(1) Mr. Abdul Hamid, Alwaye	153
	(2) Messrs. Kamath Bros.	84
	(3) Mr. G. Vamana Prabhu, Ernakulam.	110
	(4) Messrs. Mooken Devassy Ousoph and Sons, Cochin.	172
	(5) Mr. N. Ramaswamy Iyer, Muvattupuzha.	56
Kunnathunad	(1) Mr. Vamana Prabhu, Ernakulam.	34
	(2) Messrs. Mooken Devassy Ousoph and Sons, Cochin.	40
	(3) Mr. N. Ramaswamy Iyer, Muvattupuzha.	221
	(4) Mr. Abdul Hamid, Alwaye	225
	(5) Messrs. Kamath Bros, Alwaye.	274
Muvattupuzha	(1) Mr. N. Ramaswamy Iyer, Muvattupuzha.	420
	(2) Mr. K. L. Kuriakose, Palai.	82
	(3) Mr. Abdul Hamid, Alwaye.	100
	(4) P. E. Mohamed & Sons, Muvattupuzha.	125
Devicolam	(1) Mr. N. Ramaswamy Iyer, Muvattupuzha.	575
	(2) Mr. Abdul Hamid, Alwaye.	12

(These agents are understood to have no sub-agents.)

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